

Supplementary Information

Tree height and hydraulic traits shape growth responses across droughts in a temperate broadleaf forest

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Table S1: Species-specific bark thickness regression equations

| Species | Equations | r.2 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| <i>Carya cordiformis</i> | $\ln[B] = -1.56 + 0.416 * \ln[DBH]$ | 0.226 |
| <i>Carya glabra</i> | $\ln[B] = -0.393 + 0.268 * \ln[DBH]$ | 0.040 |
| <i>Carya ovalis</i> | $\ln[B] = -2.18 + 0.651 * \ln[DBH]$ | 0.389 |
| <i>Carya tomentosa</i> | $\ln[B] = -0.477 + 0.301 * \ln[DBH]$ | 0.297 |
| <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> | $\ln[B] = 1 * \ln[DBH]$ | |
| <i>Fraxinus americana</i> | $\ln[B] = 0.418 + 0.268 * \ln[DBH]$ | 0.256 |
| <i>Juglans nigra</i> | $\ln[B] = 0.346 + 0.279 * \ln[DBH]$ | 0.246 |
| <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> | $\ln[B] = -1.14 + 0.463 * \ln[DBH]$ | 0.545 |
| <i>Quercus alba</i> | $\ln[B] = -2.09 + 0.637 * \ln[DBH]$ | 0.603 |
| <i>Quercus prinus</i> | $\ln[B] = -1.31 + 0.528 * \ln[DBH]$ | 0.577 |
| <i>Quercus rubra</i> | $\ln[B] = -0.593 + 0.292 * \ln[DBH]$ | 0.087 |

Table S2: Species-specific height regression equations

| Species | Equations | r.2 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| <i>Carya cordiformis</i> | $0.332+0.808*x$ | 0.874 |
| <i>Carya glabra</i> | $0.685+0.691*x$ | 0.841 |
| <i>Carya ovalis</i> | $0.533+0.741*x$ | 0.924 |
| <i>Carya tomentosa</i> | $0.726+0.713*x$ | 0.897 |
| <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> | $0.708+0.662*x$ | 0.857 |
| <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> | $1.33+0.52*x$ | 0.771 |
| <i>Quercus alba</i> | $0.74+0.645*x$ | 0.719 |
| <i>Quercus prinus</i> | $0.41+0.757*x$ | 0.886 |
| <i>Quercus rubra</i> | $1.00+0.574*x$ | 0.755 |
| all | $0.839+0.642*x$ | 0.857 |

Table S3: Palmer drought severity index (PDSI) by month for focal droughts and other candidate drought years

| year | month | PDSI | rank |
|-----------------------|--------|-------|------|
| focal droughts | | | |
| 1966 | May | -2.98 | 2 |
| | June | -3.40 | 2 |
| | July | -4.08 | 2 |
| | August | -4.82 | 1 |
| 1977 | May | -2.96 | 3 |
| | June | -3.28 | 3 |
| | July | -3.61 | 3 |
| | August | -3.68 | 3 |
| 1999 | May | -3.63 | 1 |
| | June | -4.21 | 1 |
| | July | -4.53 | 1 |
| | August | -4.64 | 2 |
| others | | | |
| 1964 | May | -1.08 | 20 |
| | June | -1.97 | 11 |
| | July | -2.46 | 8 |
| | August | -2.98 | 5 |
| 1991 | May | -1.79 | 10 |
| | June | -2.10 | 10 |
| | July | -2.17 | 10 |
| | August | -3.06 | 4 |
| 2007 | May | -1.37 | 16 |
| | June | -1.59 | 16 |
| | July | -2.40 | 9 |
| | August | -2.55 | 11 |

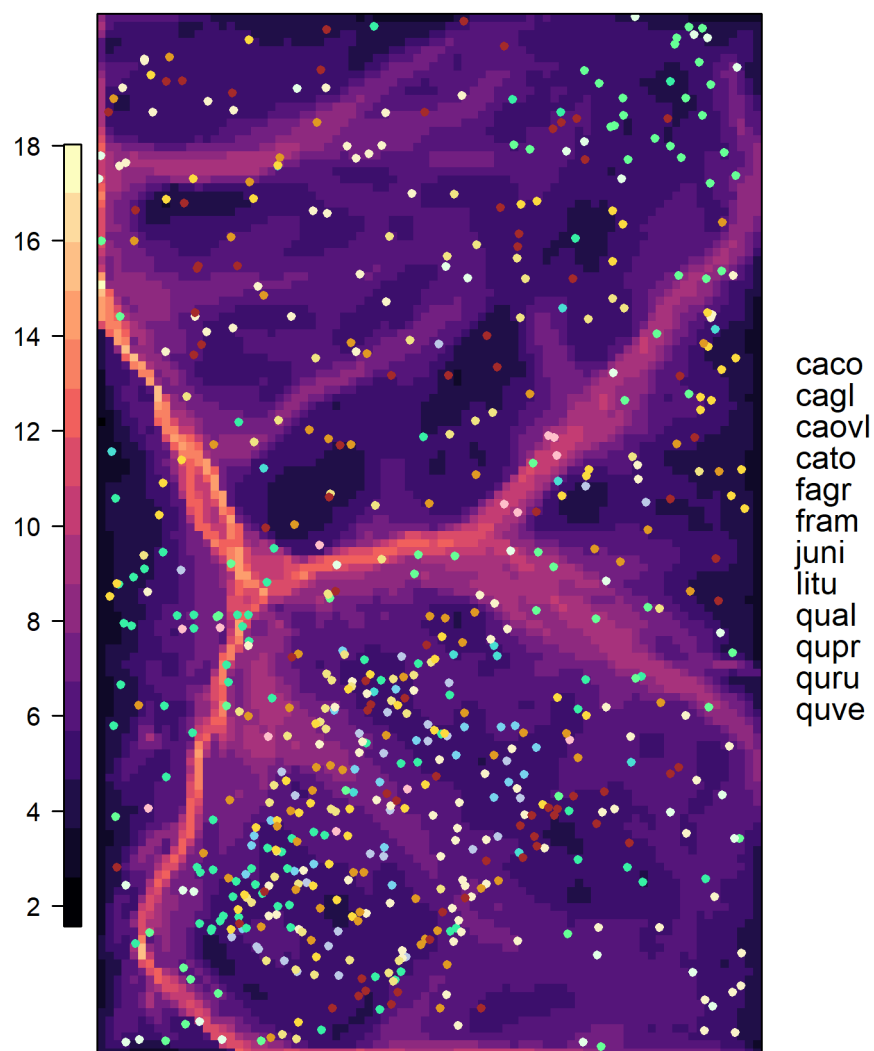


Figure S1: Map of ForestGEO plot showing TWI and location of cored trees

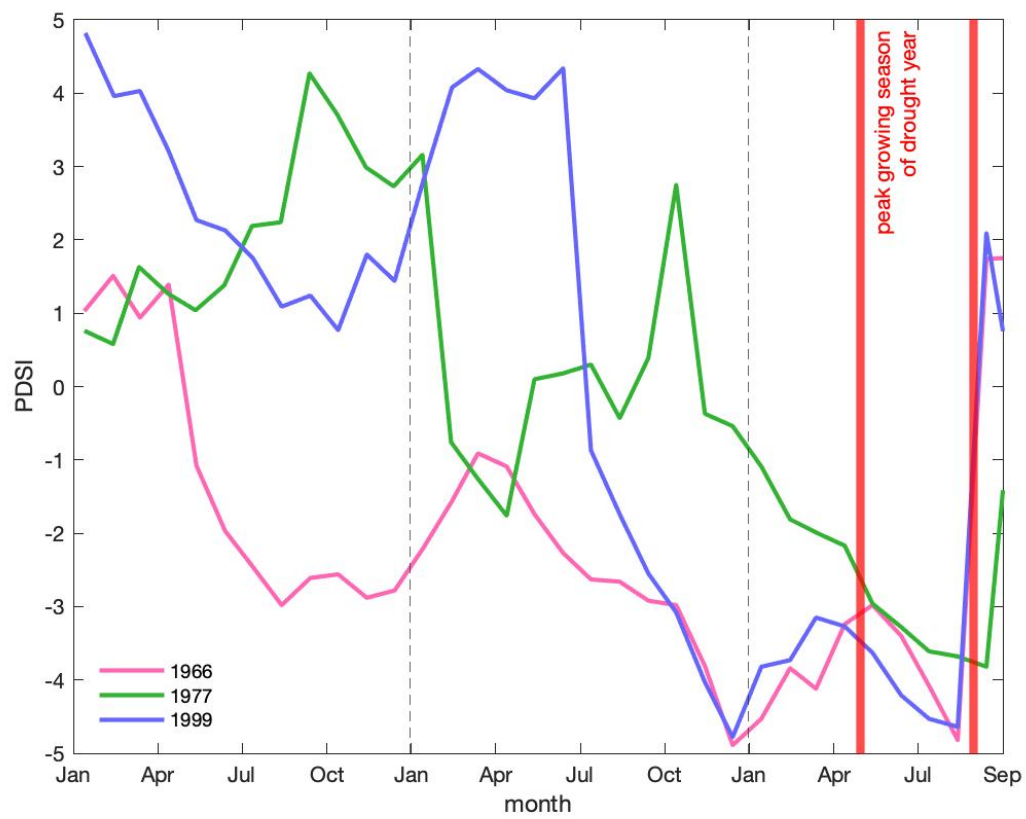


Figure S2: Time series of Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) for the 2.5 years prior to each focal drought

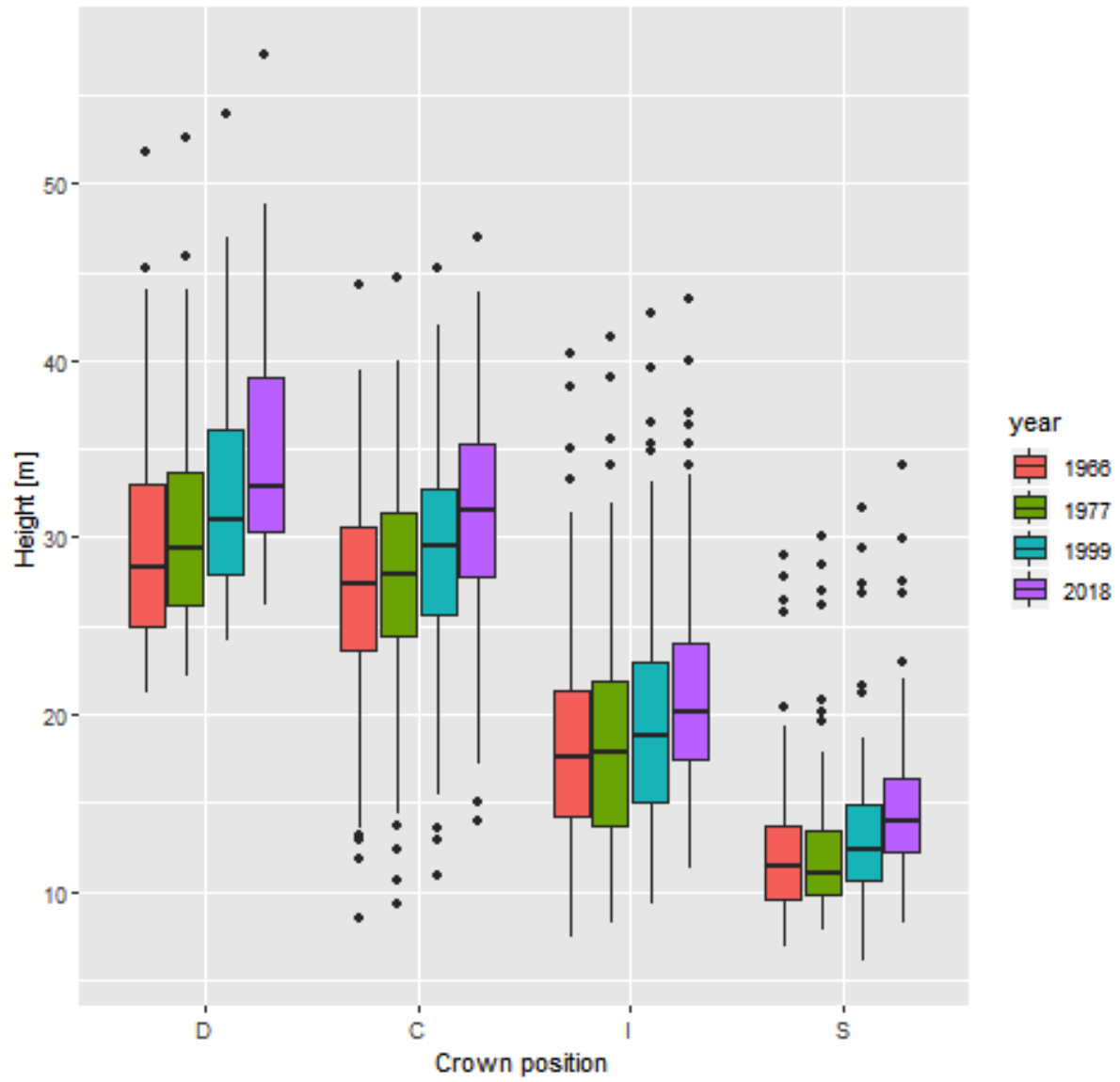


Figure S3: Height by canopy position across the three focal droughts and in the year of measurement (2018)